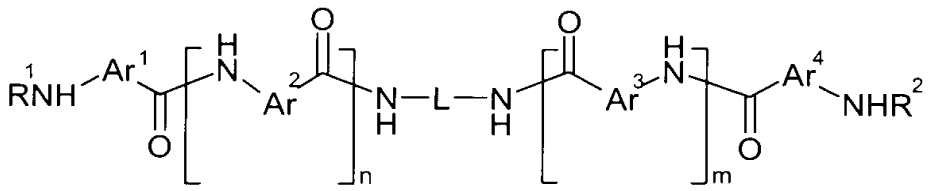
In the Claims

Please amend Claims 1 and 20 to read as follows:

1. A compound of Formula (I):



wherein:

R^1 and R^2 are, independently of each other:

(i) hydrogen;

(ii) alkyl; or

(iii) $-COR^3$ wherein R^3 is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, amino, monosubstituted amino, disubstituted amino or alkyl substituted with one, two or three substituents selected from the group consisting of amino, monosubstituted amino, disubstituted amino, guanidino, amidino, aminoacyl, $-NHCOR^a$ (wherein R^a is hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, aralkyl, substituted aralkyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, substituted cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, subsituted heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl, or substituted heteroaralkyl), $-NHCONHR^a$ (wherein R^a is as defined above), aryl, substituted aryl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl, and $-OR^b$ (where R^b is hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, aralkyl, substituted aralkyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, substituted cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl, or

substituted heteroaralkyl), provided that at least one of R^1 and R^2 is a group which can form a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt;

n and m are independently an integer from 0 to 4; and

Ar^1, Ar^2, Ar^3, and Ar^4 are independently selected from the group consisting of arylene, substituted arylene, and optionally substituted heteroarylene; and

L is:

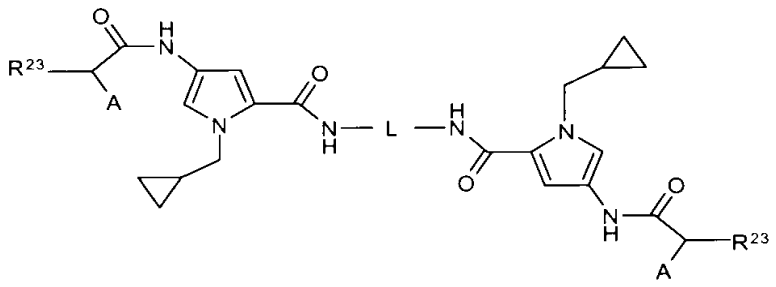
(i) alkylene or cycloalkylene;

(ii) alkylene substituted with one, two or three substituent(s) selected from the group consisting of aryl, -$CONHR^4$ (wherein R^4 is hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, aminoalkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, aralkyl, substituted aralkyl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl, or substituted heteroaralkyl, heterocyclic, substituted heterocyclic, heterocyclicalkyl, heterothioalkyl, , or -$(CHR^5)_{n1}$-CO-$(NH\text{-}Ar^3\text{-}CO)_m$-NH-$Ar^4$-CO-$NHR^3$ where n1 is 1 to 3, R^5 is hydrogen or alkyl, substituted alkyl, and Ar^3 , m, Ar^4, and R^3 are as defined above), -$CONHNHR^6$ [wherein R^6 is alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, aralkyl, substituted aralkyl, -COR^7, -$COOR^8$ (wherein R^7 and R^8 are independently of each other alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, aralkyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, substituted cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, or heteroaralkyl), heteroaryl, or heteroaralkyl], -NHR^9 (wherein R^9 is hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, aminoalkyl, aminoalkylcarbonyl, or heterocycliccarbonyl, and guanidino; or -$(alkylene)_x$-Z-$(alkylene)_y$-$(Z^a)_z$- wherein x, y and z are independently 0,1, or 2 and Z and Z^a are, independently of each other, phenylene, cycloalkylene optionally fused to one or two phenylene ring(s), heterocyclene, -O-, -S-, -NR^{10}- [wherein R^{10} is hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, cycloalkylcarbonyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, aminoalkyl, -$CONHR^4$, -COR^7, -$COOR^8$ (where

R^4, R^7 and R^8 are as defined above), $-SO_2R^{11}$ (wherein R^{11} is alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, aralkyl, substituted aralkyl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl, or sustituted heteroaralkyl) or $-(CHR^5)_{n2}-NH-(CO-Ar^3-NH)_m-CO-Ar^4-NHR^2$ where n2 is 2 to 4, R^5 is hydrogen, alkyl, or substituted alkyl, and Ar^3, m, Ar^4, and R^2 are as defined above], -CO-NH-, or -NH-CO-, provided that when Z and/or Z^a is $-NR^{10}-$ then it is separated from another nitrogen atom by at least two carbon atoms;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

20. A compound of claim 1 which compound is represented by formula (VII)



wherein

L is selected from the group consisting of alkylene and cycloalkylene;

A is an amino acid side chain; and

R^{23} is selected from the group consisting of guanidino, amino, and ornithylamino.--